

ANDOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Town of Andover
36 Bartlet Street
3rd Floor Conference Room
8:00pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Donald Cooper, Vice Chairman Michael Walsh, Commissioner Fran Fink, Commissioner Floyd Greenwood and Commissioner Kevin Porter. Absent were Commissioners Alix Driscoll and Jon Honea. Staff members present were Robert Douglas, Director of Conservation and Linda Cleary, Conservation Agent

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Doherty Middle School

Present in Interest: Cari Orsi and Ed Tate

Staff Recommendation: Listen to presentation and provide suggestions and guidance for project.

Presentation of initial concepts of the proposed improvements and landscaping to the Doherty Middle School to obtain initial feedback from the Conservation Commission before moving into the design phase.

Cari Orsi of Pare Corp. presented the project, including plans, to the Commission. The project consists of providing ADA accessibility, improved drainage, improved parking, a separate drop off area for buses and parents and landscaping as well as the building of the Youth Center. A portion of the Youth Center footprint and emergency access road will be within the jurisdictional area. This will be a joint filing with the Youth Center and Doherty School Improvements. Construction is set to begin in early summer 2013. There is an isolated wetland close to where the Youth Center will be constructed which throws a buffer onto a small portion of the Youth Center and emergency access road. Rabbit Pond on Phillips Academy drains into this wetland after being culverted through the neighborhood. Rogers Brook will be added to the plan as well as the 200 foot Riverfront. The pipe connecting the wetlands will be reviewed. Stormwater management need to be provided as currently exists and the improvements to be made. The drainage from the property facing Bartlet Street drains into Bartlet Street, and the back of the

property drains towards Rogers Brook. There is only a very small portion which actually drains into the isolated wetland.

Commissioner Fink noted the rain gardens on the proposed plan and inquired as to the additional runoff. The additional runoff will be infiltrated underground. Commissioner Fink also requested soils testing be done.

Commissioner Porter asked that the stormwater runoff going into Rogers Brook be mitigated as the Brook already floods easily and there is a high water table in that area.

Chairman Cooper provided the items the Commission would be requesting should a filing come before the Conservation Commission. They are as follows:

1. A Peer Review will be conducted;
2. Meet the setback requirements;
3. Storm Drainage must be provided; and
4. The Commission will address jurisdictional areas only.

CONSENT AGENDA:

319 South Main Street

Issuance of a Satisfactory Completion of Work Certificate.

21 Off Webster Street

Issuance of a Satisfactory Completion of Work Certificate.

Minutes

Approval of minutes for meetings of October 2, 2012 and October 16, 2012.

Vice Chairman Walsh made a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda; it was seconded by Commissioner Porter and unanimously approved.

LATE ITEMS WHICH MAY REQUIRE A VOTE

24R Pomeroy Road

Issuance of an Enforcement Order.

The property owner has built a large foundation/breakwater/retaining wall in Foster's Pond, a jurisdictional pond, without a permit or conservation filing. Staff recommends the property owner submit a restoration plan by November 30, 2012. Commissioner Greenwood asked if the wall was installed on the existing slope and if it was possible to backfill with fill to expand the island. Also included in the restoration plan should be how the wall will be removed from Foster's Pond.

Commissioner Porter made a Motion to issue the Enforcement Order; it was seconded by Vice Chairman Walsh and unanimously approved.

6 Newport Circle

Vote to rescind Enforcement Order dated September 5, 2012 for nonpayment of site monitoring fees. The funds have now been received.

Commissioner Porter made a Motion to rescind the Enforcement Order; it was seconded by Commissioner Greenwood and unanimously approved.

66 Tewksbury Street

Issuance of a Certificate of Compliance. The area is sodded and stable per the Commission's Inspector and Proponent's Engineer.

Vice Chairman Walsh made a Motion to issue Certificate of Compliance; it was seconded by Commissioner Greenwood and unanimously approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Deer Hunt

Mr. Douglas updated the Commission on the 2012 Deer Hunt. To date, 18 deer have been taken. There have been three or four incidents of vandalism, such as tree stands tampered with and residents taunting the hunters. All incidents have been reported to the appropriate authorities.

Rolling Green

Commissioner Fink updated the Commission with respect to the ZBA Meeting on November 1, 2012. The Rolling Green hearing was continued to the next ZBA Meeting. The ZBA has been very responsive to the requests of the Conservation Commission. There has been no plan provided with the grading for the trails to date.

Spring Thaw 6 Hour Trail Run/Walk

Virginia Hammond Reservation

On March 24, 2013 the Spring Thaw 6 Hour Run/Walk which crosses Conservation Land (Virginia Hammond Reservation) will take place.

Commissioner Greenwood made a Motion to Approve the Spring Thaw 6 Hour Trail Run/Walk; it was seconded by Commissioner Porter and unanimously approved.

81 Jenkins Road

Emergency Certification for breach of beaver dam. Beaver Solutions to install a Beaver Deceiver.

Commissioner Greenwood made a Motion to Approve; it was seconded by Commissioner Porter and unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held November 20, 2012 at 7:45pm

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm by Motion of Vice Chairman Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Greenwood and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lynn Viselli,
Recording Secretary